classes IX, X, XI and XII) under the aforesaid scheme. These awards have been distributed among the different States in the ratio of the tribal population of the respective States. Therefore, the question of increasing the number of awards for any particular State does not arise.

Development of villages along metropolitan cities

†2131. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating a plan for development of the villages along the borders of the metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by Government to provide proper facilities in these villages?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Urban development is a State subject. It is therefore, the responsibility of State Governments to formulate plans for development of villages along the borders of metropolitan cities.

Sky Bus Project

2132. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for Sky Bus Project in four metro cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposals have been received by Government on this project from foreign companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project

2133. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra has forwarded a proposal for grant/loan from World Bank for Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-ll;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Maharashtra has forwarded the Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-ll to the Ministry of Urban Development at an estimated cost of Rs. 2376 crore for seeking the World Bank assistance.

(c) Above project proposal was recommended by Ministry of Urban Development to Deptt. of Economic Affairs for exploring the possibility of obtaining World Bank assistance. Government of Maharashtra has also requested Deptt. of Economic Affairs for engagement with the World Bank for preparing a 5 year business plan to realize the vision of transforming Mumbai into a world class city. That Department has requested the World Bank to field a dedicated multi-sectoral team for drafting out a comprehensive strategy and envisaging bank support with contributions from other agencies. The World Bank has confirmed its willingness to work with the City's various stakeholders. Deptt. of Economic Affairs has suggested to Government of Maharashtra that it would be appropriate to include the Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project Stage-ll in the design of comprehensive multi-sectoral plan proposed for Mumbai City, since the State at present, does not appear to have any additional debt capacity.